

## **STATUS OF THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (original) A drying and heating system for use with sports equipment and other articles of use, said system comprising:

a transportable container;  
at least one compartment in said transportable container having walls;  
a center panel in at least one of said at least one compartment;  
at least one heating element in said center panel;  
a power supply connected to said transportable container for providing power to said at least one heating element.

2. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein said system further includes:

at least one access opening to allow moisture to evaporate during the drying of an item.

3. (original) The system of claim 1 wherein said system further includes:

said power supply having dual voltage means for supplying AC and DC power to said at least one heating element.

4. (amended) ~~The drying and heating system of claim 1 wherein said system further includes:~~

A drying and heating system for use with sports equipment and other articles of use, said system comprising:

a transportable container;  
at least one compartment in said transportable container having walls;  
a center panel in at least one of said at least one compartment;  
at least one heating element in said center panel;  
a power supply connected to said transportable container for providing power to said at least one heating element; and

at least one water retention device for collecting moisture during the drying of an item.

5. (original) The heating and drying system of claim 1 wherein said heating element includes:

a thermostat to control the temperature of said heating element.

6. (original) The heating and drying system of claim 1 wherein said power source includes:

an electrical converter connectable to an external power supply..

7. (original) The heating and drying system of claim 1 wherein said power source includes:

a DC battery power supply contained in said transportable container.

8. (original) The heating and drying system of claim 1 wherein said power supply includes:

an AC power supply and a DC battery power supply contained in said transportable container.

9. (amended) A drying and heating system for use with sports equipment and other articles of use, said system comprising:

a transportable container;

at least one compartment in said transportable container having walls;

at least one heating element in one of said walls;

a power supply connected to said transportable container for providing power to said at least one heating element;

a thermostat to control the temperature of said at least one heating element within a finite specified range; and

ventilation openings in said at least one compartment to allow moisture to evaporate during the drying process.

10. (original) The system of claim 9 wherein said system further includes:  
at least two access openings to allow moisture to evaporate during the drying of an item.

11. (original) The system of claim 9 wherein said system further includes:  
said power supply having dual voltage means for supplying AC and DC power to said at least one heating element.

12. (amended) ~~The drying and heating system of claim 9 wherein said system further includes:~~

A drying and heating system for use with sports equipment and other articles of use, said system comprising:

a transportable container;

at least one compartment in said transportable container having walls;

at least one heating element in one of said walls;

a power supply connected to said transportable container for providing power to said at least one heating element;

ventilation openings in said at least one compartment to allow moisture to evaporate during the drying process; and

at least one water retention device for collecting moisture during the drying of an item.

13. (canceled) The heating and drying system of claim 9 wherein said heating element includes:

a thermostat to control the temperature of said heating element.

14. (original) The heating and drying system of claim 9 wherein said power source includes:

an electrical converter connectable to an external power supply.

15. (original) The heating and drying system of claim 9 wherein said power source includes:

a DC battery power supply contained in said transportable container.

16. (original) The heating and drying system of claim 9 wherein said power supply includes:

an AC power supply and a DC battery power supply contained in said transportable container.

17. (original) The heating and drying system of claim 9 wherein said transportable container includes:

at least one strap having fastening mechanisms on each end; and

a plurality of engagement points on said transportable container for securing said at least one strap in a plurality of different configurations.

18. (newly presented) A drying and heating system for use with sports equipment and other articles of use, said system comprising:

a transportable container;

at least one compartment in said transportable container having walls;

a center panel in at least one of said at least one compartment;

at least one heating element in said center panel;

a power supply connected to said transportable container for providing power to said at least one heating element; and

a thermostat to control the temperature of said heating element within a finite specified range.